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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : §
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Sam Johnson, et al. §
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Application No: **09/372,898** §
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Filed: **August 12, 1999** §
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For: **A SYSTEM FOR AND A METHOD** §
OF IMPLEMENTING A CLOSED §
LOOP RESPONSE ARCHITECTURE §
FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE §
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Group Art Unit: **Unassigned**
Examiner: **Unassigned**

Our File No.: 9297.99239 (I2GO1)

PREMILIMARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 AND REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed with a signed oath and declaration on August 12, 1999. Applicants submit this preliminary amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 requesting the office to (1) disregard the original oath and declaration and to treat the original application as having been filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and (2) accept this preliminary amendment as part of the original disclosure and having a filing date of August 12, 1999. Along with this preliminary amendment, the applicants submit:

(1) a new oath and declaration referring to the original patent application and this preliminary amendment; and

(2) a check for the amount of $444 to cover (a) the surcharge of $65 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) for filing the oath and declaration on a date later than the filing date, (b) the $130 fee for filing a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, and (c) the excessive claims fee of $249 ($171 for 19 additional claims and $78 for 2 additional independent claims).

In addition, we have not yet received the filing receipt for the above-identified patent